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The Honorable Vernon A. Walters
Ambassador at Large
Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Ambassador Walters:

This is in response to your 27 March 1984 letter to the Director concerning the American Bar Association questionnaire on oversight and accountability of the Intelligence Community. Bill Casey has asked that I give you the benefit of my views concerning the questions and issues raised by the ABA working group.

I have reviewed your proposed responses as annotated on the questionnaire and do not think they will be any problem for us. I have taken the liberty of enclosing a copy of my responses. While you may note that we are not in 100 percent agreement on the issues, I think those on which we differ will not present any real problems for us. I hope this will be helpful to you and appreciate receiving your views.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Stanley Sporkin

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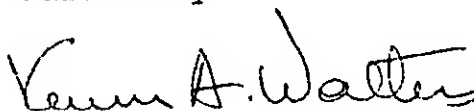
27 March 1984

Dear Bill:

Herewith the letter and questionnaire I mentioned to you on Sunday evening, together with my proposed answers. I have been gone from the Agency for a long time and circumstances may have changed without my being aware of them. I know how important your work is to the security and survival of our Nation and don't want to say anything that could jeopardize your mission. I would appreciate getting your reaction to it before I return it to the Working Group.

Thanks again for an absolutely superb evening.

Faithfully




Vernon A. Walters

Mr. William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

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12 March 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:  Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Executive Director
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Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Inspector General
Comptroller
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison
Director, Public Affairs Office

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FROM: Stanley Sporkin
General Counsel

SUBJECT: ABA Questionnaire

Attached is my proposed response to the American Bar Association questionnaire concerning oversight and accountability in the Intelligence Community. As my letter to the ABA working group emphasizes, these responses are my personal views and do not necessarily represent those of the Director, the Agency, or any of its officials. I would like to thank those of you who took the time to give me such detailed and helpful suggestions and comments. If you have any further comments, please give them to me by 21 March.



Stanley Sporkin

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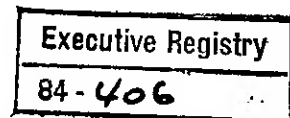
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

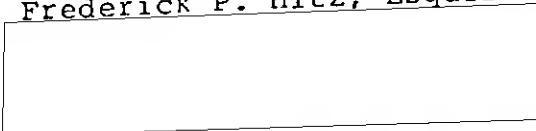
General Counsel

24 January 1984



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Frederick P. Hitz, Esquire



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Dear Fred:

This is in response to your letter of 28 December 1983 to Bill Casey seeking the views of the Director of Central Intelligence for your study of oversight and accountability in the Intelligence Community. Bill has asked me to thank you for offering him the opportunity to participate in your study and to express his regret that the press of other business makes it impossible at this time to give this matter the careful attention it requires. Nevertheless, Bill has asked me to express his high regard for the fine work of the ABA Standing Committee in the past and to encourage you to continue its efforts. He is aware that I presently have your questionnaire before me and that I am in the process of preparing an appropriate response.

Yours truly,

Stanley Sporkin

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13 January 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Intelligence Community Staff
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Chairman, National Intelligence Council
Inspector General
Comptroller
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

FROM:

[Redacted]
Associate General Counsel for
Intelligence Community Affairs

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SUBJECT:

American Bar Association Questionnaire on
Intelligence Community Oversight

1. The General Counsel has been asked to respond to a request from the Standing Committee on Law and National Security of the American Bar Association. The Committee is engaged in a study of oversight and accountability in the Intelligence Community. The accompanying correspondence explains the nature and purpose of that study, and includes a questionnaire soliciting the General Counsel's views and comments.

2. Mr. Sporkin has asked me to review the questionnaire and to solicit your views and suggestions. The response decided upon will represent his personal views, and thus will disclaim any intent to represent the Agency's position. However, we feel it would be of great benefit to have your thoughts and perceptions on these important issues.

3. In order to prepare a complete response by the requested deadline, I would appreciate any input you may wish to provide by 31 January. As you may know, the Standing Committee on Law and National Security of the American Bar Association has been a strong supporter of U.S. intelligence efforts. We hope that, by providing an informed (albeit personal) response on the subject of intelligence oversight and accountability, we can favorably influence any recommendations the Committee makes or the positions it takes. Please contact me [Redacted] if you have any questions.

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